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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

STIPULATION & ORDER

RESPONDENT:

Docket No. 2005-106 LC

DEE R. SMITH
2855 E. Cottonwood Parkway, Suite 240
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

License No. 49553

Enf. Case No. <u>1679</u>

STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, Dee R. Smith, is a licensed insurance agent in the State of Utah, holding License No. 49553.
 - 2. Respondent stipulates with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as follows:
- a. If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;
 - b. Respondent admits the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom;
- c. Respondent stipulates to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and

- d. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondent agrees to its entry and further agrees to be bound by all its terms.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to a hearing at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived his right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.
- 4. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner as to all matters herein.
- 5. Respondent is acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature, having been advised fully as to his rights set forth herein.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Commissioner is solely for the purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED this 6th day of September, 2005.

DEE R. SMITH

UVAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

I. Gale Lemmon, Assistant Attorney General

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about May 17, 2005, Respondent submitted an application via SIRCON for renewal of his insurance agent's license.
- 2. Respondent answered "Yes" to the question "...have you completed the required continuing education hours?" and attested in the application certifying that all information in the renewal application was complete, true and correct.
- 3. The department undertook a routine audit of Respondent's continuing education on June 13, 2005, which revealed that Respondent had completed none of the required 18 continuing education hours prior to submitting his application for renewal.
- 4. In renewing his application in 2003, Respondent also falsely certified that he had completed all the required continuing education prior to filing his renewal application, and an audit at that time also revealed that he had not completed all the required hours and as a result, Respondent was assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$250.00, Docket No. 2003-113-LC.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. In failing to satisfy the continuing education requirements prior to submitting his

renewal application Respondent violated Utah Code Annotated § 31A-23a-105(1)(b).

 In falsely certifying that he had completed the required continuing education requirements when such was not the case, Respondent violated Utah Code Annotated § 31A-23a-202(6).

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Presiding Officer herewith enters the following Order:

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$750.00 to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- 2. Respondent's insurance agent's license is placed on probation for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of this Order. The terms of probation are:
 - a. Respondent shall pay the forfeiture assessed herein in a timely manner;
 - b. Respondent, shall complete all required continuing education prior to submitting his next application for renewal of his license; and
 - Respondent shall have no further violations of the Utah Insurance Code or Rules or of any order of the commissioner.

NOTIFICATION

Respondent is hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject him to further penalties, including additional forfeitures of up to \$2,500.00 per violation and the suspension or revocation of his license, and the filing of an action to enforce this Order in the

District Court, which may impose penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

DATED this 8th day of September, 2005.

D. KENT MICHIE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

MAKK E. KLEINFIELD, Esq

Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department State Office Building, Room 3110

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 Telephone (801) 538-3800 Invoice

Due Date 10-09-2005

Amount Due

\$750.00

Invoice ID 257950

Payor ID 43625

Total Amount Remitted \$

1679

Make Checks Payable To:

Utah Insurance Department 3110 State Office Building Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6901

DEE R SMITH 2855 EAST COTTONWOOD PARKWAY #240 SALT LAKE CITY UT 84121

Invoice ID 257950

Payor ID 43625

Invoice Print Date 09-09-2005

Items:

09-09-2005 Monetary Penalty Individual

750.00

Amount Due..... \$750.00

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I do hereby certify that on this date I mailed, by certified mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the attached:

STIPULATION & ORDER

To the following:

Dee R. Smith 2855 E. Cottonwood Parkway Suite 240 Salt Lake City, UT 84121

DATED this 9 th day of September, 2005

Linda/Hardy

Insurance Technician

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